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THE SPINE—Continued

| | Rat- ing |
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| In other cases rate in accordance with definite limited motion or muscle spasm, adding 10 percent for demonstrable deformity of vertebral body. NOTE: Both under ankylosis and limited motion, ratings should not be assigned for more than one segment by reason of involvement of only the first or last vertebrae of an adjacent segment. | |
| 5286 Spine, complete bony fixation (ankylosis) of: Unfavorable angle, with marked deformity and involvement of major joints (Marie-Strumpell type) or without other joint involvement (Bechterew type) | 100 |
| Favorable angle | 60 |
| 5287 Spine, ankylosis of, cervical: Unfavorable | 40 |
| Favorable | 30 |
| 5288 Spine, ankylosis of, dorsal: Unfavorable | 30 |
| Favorable | 20 |
| 5289 Spine, ankylosis of, lumbar: Unfavorable | 50 |
| Favorable | 40 |
| 5290 Spine, limitation of motion of, cervical: Severe | 30 |
| Moderate | 20 |
| Slight | 10 |
| 5291 Spine, limitation of motion of, dorsal: Severe | 10 |
| Moderate | 10 |
| Slight | 0 |
| 5292 Spine, limitation of motion of, lumbar: Severe | 40 |
| Moderate | 20 |
| Slight | 10 |
| 5293 Intervertebral disc syndrome: Pronounced; with persistent symptoms compatible with sciatic neuropathy with characteristic pain and demonstrable muscle spasm, absent ankle jerk, or other neurological findings appropriate to site of diseased disc, little intermittent relief | 60 |
| Severe; recurring attacks, with intermittent relief | 40 |
| Moderate; recurring attacks | 20 |
| Mild | 10 |
| Postoperative, cured | 0 |
| 5294 Sacro-iliac injury and weakness: | |
| 5295 Lumbosacral strain: Severe; with listing of whole spine to opposite side, positive Goldthwaite's sign, marked limitation of forward bending in standing position, loss of lateral motion with osteo-arthritic changes, or narrowing or irregularity of joint space, or some of the above with abnormal mobility on forced motion | 40 |
| With muscle spasm on extreme forward bending, loss of lateral spine motion, unilateral, in standing position | 20 |
| With characteristic pain on motion | 10 |
| With slight subjective symptoms only | 0 |

THE SKULL

| | Rat- ing |
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| 5296 Skull, loss of part of, both inner and outer tables: | |

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| With brain hernia | 80 |
| Without brain hernia: Area larger than size of a 50-cent piece or 1.140 in ² (7.355 cm ²) | 50 |
| Area intermediate | 30 |
| Area smaller than the size of a 25-cent piece or 0.716 in ² (4.619 cm ²) | 10 |
| NOTE: Rate separately for intracranial complications. | |

THE RIBS

| | Rat- ing |
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| 5297 Ribs, removal of: More than six | 50 |
| Five or six | 40 |
| Three or four | 30 |
| Two | 20 |
| One or resection of two or more ribs without regeneration | 10 |
| NOTE (1): The rating for rib resection or removal is not to be applied with ratings for purulent pleurisy, lobectomy, pneumonectomy or injuries of pleural cavity. | |
| NOTE (2): However, rib resection will be considered as rib removal in thoracoplasty performed for collapse therapy or to accomplish obliteration of space and will be combined with the rating for lung collapse, or with the rating for lobectomy, pneumonectomy or the graduated ratings for pulmonary tuberculosis. | |

THE COCCYX

| | Rat- ing |
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| 5298 Coccyx, removal of: Partial or complete, with painful residuals | 10 |
| Without painful residuals | 0 |

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§ 4.72 [Reserved]

§ 4.73 Schedule of ratings—muscle injuries.

NOTE: When evaluating any claim involving muscle injuries resulting in loss of use of any extremity or loss of use of both buttocks (diagnostic code 5317, Muscle Group XVII), refer to § 3.350 of this chapter to determine whether the veteran may be entitled to special monthly compensation.